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FOR SHOESMITH EYES ONLY FROM HOLBROOKE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, JA

SUBJECT: STRAUSS VISIT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO PRIME
MINISTER CARRIED BY AMB. STRAUSS. QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRIME
MINISTER: I VERY MUCH ENJOYED MEETING YOU DURING YOUR
RECENT VISIT HERE. I AM PLEASED THAT AMBASSADOR STRAUSS
IS MAKING HIS FIRST OFFICIAL TRIP ABROAD TO JAPAN.

THIS WILL BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO TAKE UP WITH
YOU THE HANDLING OF TRADE ISSUES AT THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE,
AND THE NEED FOR EARLY PROGRESS IN THE GENEVA MULTILATERAL
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

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ANOTHER IMPORTANT MATTER WHICH I KNOW IS OF CONSIDER-
ABLE CONCERN TO BOTH OF US IS TRADE IN COLOR TELEVISION
SETS. SINCE WE DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT BUT WERE UNABLE TO
REACH AN AGREEMENT, I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE
THE TRADE COMMISSION'S REPORT AND THE LATEST TRADE FIGURES.
I THEREFORE THINK THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO TAKE A

FRESH LOOK AT THIS PROBLEM WITHOUT REGARD TO PREVIOUS POSITIONS. I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN ARRIVE AT A FIGURE WHICH MEETS OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS. IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE IF

AMBASSADOR STRAUSS AND YOU OR YOUR REPRESENTATIVES CAN REACH AN UNDERSTANDING ON AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF IMPORTS, SO THAT THIS ISSUE MIGHT BE RESOLVED BEFORE THE SUMMIT. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN LONDON. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. UNQUOTE.

2. WE HOPE YOU CAN BRIEF STRAUSS EARLY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL OF YOUR OWN BEST ASSESSMENT OF WHAT LEVEL OF CTV IMPORTS WE COULD PROPOSE WITHOUT UNDERMINING FUKUDA'S POLITICAL POSITION OR HIS CONFIDENCE IN HIS RELATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT. FYI ONLY. AT EPG MEETING WITH STRAUSS IMMEDIATELY PRECEEDING HIS DEPARTURE, COOPER RECOMMENDED TO STRAUSS THAT HE NOT REPEAT NOT BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITH ANY PARTICULAR FIGURE BUT RATHER HEAR THE JAPANESE OUT. BLUMENTHAL'S POSITION AT EPG WAS THAT HE COULD NOT SUPPORT ANY FIGURE BELOW 2 MILLION.
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